

FROM SILVER REEF.

The following letter received from Silver Reef describes matters and things in that section:

Brigham Young went north a short time since, guarded by three wives, two Apostles, and fourteen mounted men, armed with carbines. It is understood that the armed men are to protect him from the vengeance of Rachel, one of the widows of John D. Lee. It is said that Rachel has taken to the mountains well fixed with pistols and rifles. She swears that if she catches the "old sinner" she will unsex him. We have rather a mixed community here now—composed of Gentiles, Mormons, Jack-Mormons and Winter Mormons. You understand what are Gentiles and Mormons. A Jack-Mormon is one that pretends to be a Gentile among Gentiles, and a Mormon among Mormons. A Winter Mormon is generally an honest miner who drops into a Mormon village some cold winter, is suddenly taken with a strong religious fever, gets baptized in a hurry, falls in love, gets married, and as soon as Spring sets in, he remembers that he has business elsewhere; accordingly steals a horse and disappears. Mormon girls who associate with Gentiles against the wishes of the Saints are termed "atom-winders." We have had another suicide—that of a man named Tom Stevens. An overdose of morphine was the means employed. He was an Englishman by birth and worked for the Leeds Mining Company. This is the second suicide, which was a grand success.

There are many Spiritualists here, composed mostly of apostate Mormons; from Spiritualism the transition is easy to morphine eating, thence to suicide.

To be equal to the emergency of the occasion, Garney Williams, the efficient Superintendent of the Leeds Mining Company, is about to erect a stomach pump to be attached to the battery shaft, which will run at the rate of fifty strokes per minute, taking about one hundred strokes to pump out any unfortunate individual at a cost of five dollars.

A ten-stamp water-power mill is on the road for this place; it will have a "Turbine" wheel. As the water of the Virgin River is full of sand, the general supposition is that the sand will soon wear out the wheel. The mill race, three-quarters of a mile in length, is already completed, and the workmen are now engaged in grading a new road from the mill-site to Leeds, at which place the roads from the different mines intersect.

One of the great nuisances of this camp are the mining speculators without money or friends. These sharpers represent themselves as agents for wealthy men, who are willing and ready to advance money and credit. They soon succeed in getting mines bonded to them for a period of three to six months, and after that is done they await new arrivals, and every stranger that comes to camp after that is approached by them, with the object of selling or taking them into partnership in the bond, providing the aforesaid stranger can advance them money enough to pay for board and whisky a month or so. Some ex-Piochians are amongst this class of speculators.

ARRESTED FOR SELLING STAMPS.—Michael Stoker, a resident of Summit, Iron county, Utah, was arrested on Thursday last by Deputy United States Marshal Curtis, charged with disposing of United States postage stamps in the limits of the postoffice under the charge of Charley Meyers. The gentleman was examined and testified to receiving the stamps from John Hewlett, Postmaster at Parowan, Utah, the said stamps to be used for the purchase of goods for Hewlett. The proper affidavits were made in the case and forwarded to the Department at Washington, D. C.

SICKLY.—Several men who have been employed at the Raymond & Ely 30-stamp mill, have returned to Pioche during the past week, owing to being unable to work longer on account of sickness. The use of a large quantity of acids in the working of tailings, which was done previous to the arrival of Mr. Bidwell, was supposed to be the reason of the sickness, as the use of acids was stopped when he took charge, and the list of sick persons commenced to decrease.

GOOD CROPS.—The pony mail ride from Arizona and the Muddy informs us that the crops around the Muddy are all in good condition this season. Grass is ready to cut and grain will be ripe and ready in about two weeks. There is a better crop this season than has been there for a long time before. The taking away of some of the ranchers to Carson will cause a delay in harvesting, and probably prove some serious loss to those ranchers.

SHEEP SHEARING.—Sheep owners residing in the mountain ranges near Pioche have been occupied lately in shearing the sheep owned by them. The damp and cold weather prevailing caused numbers of them to die after they had been sheared. The sheep in this county promise to produce a large wool crop this season.

FLOWERS AND SNOWBALLS.—The picnickers who were out on Tuesday last expected to return to Pioche with bouquets of flowers in abundance, instead of which they returned with a car-load of snowballs.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The Board of County Commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday next, the 7th of May, it being the first Monday in this month.

MAY-DAY PICNIC.

In answer to the unexpressed wishes of many children and adults around Pioche, the first day of May dawned bright and sunny, giving every promise of a pleasant day for the picnic that had been arranged to take place at Tom Delmoi's ranch at Round Valley. At an early hour parents and teachers were around making the necessary preparations for the day's pleasure, little imagining that the day would wind up so intensely unpleasant. In consequence of it being so warm and pleasant previous to the start, the ladies decked themselves out in summer costumes, consisting of straw hats, white and light summer dresses; the gentlemen wearing their best, consisting of ball costumes, with white vests and linen dusters to keep their suits free from the dust of the road and ashes of the engine. A numerous crowd, composed of most every lady in Pioche, all the children, both boys and girls, gathered at the Divide, at the head of Meadow Valley street, by nine o'clock, ready to start as soon as the train departed. It was found that the caboose and platform cars were unable to accommodate the large crowd, so Captain Day, who was present, and on his way to Bullionville, ordered an extra number of cars to be attached to the train. This was done in a short space of time, by which means all were accommodated with seats. Promptly at half-past nine o'clock the train moved off to Round Valley and Bullionville. At Round Valley the train was stopped for the party to alight, the word being given that it would leave Round Valley at four o'clock to return to Pioche with the entire party. The assemblage soon made their way to Delmoi's house, and putting that in proper trim, those who were so disposed commenced dancing, while the boys scattered to the pasture field for the purpose of enjoying the game of base-ball. One of the boys, who is messenger for one of the telegraph companies in town, and who is an enthusiastic admirer of the game and as good a player as the champion of the "Red Stockings," was employed to select suitable ground for the game, which he did, first, however, stepping up to his neck in mud and water whilst endeavoring to prospect for the right locality. This did not dampen his ardor in the least, however, so he was appointed catcher and succeeded so well that he managed to retain one ball in every ten that was thrown to him. The game was enjoyed by the boys. After a few dances every one commenced to imagine they were hungry; so recourse was had to the numerous lunch baskets on hand, parties spreading themselves around in different portions of the ranch to make away with the edibles on hand. Plenty of nice milk was to be had from the dairy, and numerous mysterious black bottles labeled "soothing syrup" were scattered around among the lunchers. Luncheon having been finished dancing was resumed with more spirit, every one standing in to enjoy themselves and have a pleasant time. Much amusement was created by the antics of a few large-sized boys, who were terribly put out, because one of their number was engaging every young girl (to whom they were the least partial) for a set in each dance. He was the only one of that crowd who knew how to dance, and they imagined he was taking a base advantage of their ignorance to make away with the objects of their affection. An endeavor was made to get our stout Sheriff to join in the dance, but as there was no lady there of a suitable size with whom he could dance the polka, he declined. The train came along to Round Valley about three o'clock, Engineer Sam Stoddard, Capt. Day and others coming to Delmoi's to participate in the dance for the hour that the train remained. About half-past three a slight rain commenced with a very strong wind, giving signs of a storm about to commence, so that some of the thoughtful commenced to make the best preparations possible for their departure by getting to the caboose car and securing themselves therein. This car was soon filled with ladies and children, the balance of the ladies and gents having to sit on the platform and ore cars, and to make the best of the situation. Just about the time the train started it commenced to storm in real earnest, raining, snowing, hailing and blowing at a lively rate. This kept up for nearly two hours, the ladies and men on the open cars suffering intensely from the cold and from their damp and dragged clothes, but there was no grumbling, as the storm was unforeseen and the officers of the train, together with Capt. Day, were endeavoring to drive the train as rapidly as possible towards Pioche. It reached town about seven o'clock, and the parties that descended from it were different looking beings from those who had started away so gay and pleasant. Summer dresses and straw hats were limp and damp, the wet dresses clinging to some of the wearers, making an outsider almost believe that he was viewing a circus company in tights. No serious effects were experienced, except colds by those exposed to the inclement weather, and all concurred in saying that if it had not been for the miserable time returning home that the day would have been one of much pleasure; as it was, however, they will long remember the picnic on the first of May, 1877. Among the lucky ones who partially escaped the effects of the storm we can place ourselves, as through the courtesy of George C. Johnston, we were enabled to ride to Pioche on his coach; still we would rather have been riding on a palace car during such a storm.

SMALL-POX.—The community of Pioche were stricken with intense alarm on Sunday last by hearing that the small-pox had broken out among the Indians at their wigwags near town and that it was liable to be spread through the town, through which the Indians were constantly traveling and having communication with the inhabitants. The fact of the disease being in the Indian camp was communicated to Mrs. Handford by a squaw. That lady promptly informed the proper officers, and Doctors Philson and Lee immediately went to the Indian encampment to examine into the case and found it to be a bad case of varioloid. On this report being made, Sheriff McKee ordered the Indians to pack up their wigwags and leave town immediately and for none of them to come near it. This they did shortly after the order was given, leaving the helpless sick man behind them. In the afternoon he was found to be dead, his head being mashed in, and every one was satisfied that the Indians had killed him, as they usually do in such cases. They always wish to put a sufferer out of misery. It is to be hoped that the energetic measures used will prevent the disease from spreading.

SKULL FRACTURED.—On Tuesday last Vinel Weaver met with a severe and very painful accident. During the snow-storm of that day the snow commenced to thaw and fall into the house alongside of the stove pipe. Weaver procured a ladder and placed it on the front porch with the intention of ascending to the roof to clear off the snow. Whilst ascending and almost at the top, the ladder slipped from the porch, throwing Weaver to the ground, a distance of ten feet, he striking on his head. Doctor Lee was called in and found that Weaver had sustained a very severe scalp wound and a fracture of the skull. The wounds were dressed and every attention paid to the injured man, who is now able to be around his residence.

A CASTOR STOLEN AND RECOVERED.—Some time since a silver castor belonging to Mrs. Drew, was stolen from her residence on Lacour street. The Sheriff was notified of the loss at the time, made search for it, but was unable to find it. The castor was found on Thursday last by Charley Craig stowed under a house on Lacour street. The parties occupying this house had left for Ward City. This house had been searched by Sheriff McKee, he having suspected the party occupying it of abstracting the article, but it was securely hidden at the time and was not found. The castor was restored to Mrs. Drew.

A RUNAWAY.—Andy Fife intended to make a trip on Thursday morning last to his sheep ranch, and wishing to get one of his buggy horses shod, stopped at the blacksmith shop on Main street, opposite Clark's store, unhitching one horse from the buggy and leaving the other standing harnessed to the vehicle. The animal became frightened and started off on a run, taking the buggy to an alley-way between some Chinese houses, mashing it slightly and letting the animal loose. He was captured at J. N. Curtis' corral. Andy did not leave town that day.

CENTENNIAL ENGRAVINGS.—The Pioche subscribers to the capital stock of the Centennial Exhibition last week received the engravings which were promised to all subscribers. Doctor S. L. Lee, Geo. C. Johnston, W. W. Bishop, J. W. Wright, A. B. Hunt, A. J. Blair, H. S. Lubbock, Chas. Leach, Chas. Raymond, and Doc. F. C. Nicholls, were the Pioche subscribers. The engravings did not come up to the expectations of many of the subscribers. One of the subscribers stated that the engraving did not meet with the approbation of his wife because there was no paint on it.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The members of the Young Men's Social Club held a meeting on Wednesday evening last for the purpose of electing officers of the Association for the ensuing term. The following gentlemen were the chosen ones: Jos. L. Sears, President; B. Crowley, Vice President; Hall Gear, Secretary; Wm. Miller, Treasurer.

NOTICE.—J. R. Duff, B. F. Sides and John O'Dougherty give notice to-day's Record that they own a two-third's interest in the "Bully Boy mine," of Bristol District, now called the "Great Eastern mine." They notify every one that a sale of such mine would be invalid unless it should be authorized by them, they claiming to be the legal owners.

TAKEN CHARGE.—A. C. Bidwell having returned to Ivanpah, Jno. Cahill has been appointed to the charge of the 30-stamp mill. Having been in the business of mining and assaying for years Mr. Cahill is fully competent to fill the position and to have the ore and tailings worked to advantage.

DISCHARGED.—Bob Logan returned to Pioche from Carson last Saturday, having been discharged by the United States authorities after a hearing. Mr. Logan and the other parties who were taken to Carson intend to bring suits for damages for their arrest and detention.

FOR FRAZER RIVER.—P. Burrell, a resident of Pioche for several years past and an employee of Jas. Finlayson, left Pioche on Thursday morning last for Fraser River on business for his employer.

BATHS.—Any one so desiring can be accommodated with warm or cold shower baths by making application at the San Jose House at any hour of the day or night.

REFERENCE CASE.—The referee case of Steinhart vs. Rich will be proceeded with to-day, Saturday, May 5th.

POWDER ACCIDENT.—Franky Donahue, son of John L. Donahue, met with a very painful and perhaps a serious accident on Saturday last, whilst playing with a can of powder with some other boys. Whilst the can was on the ground and Donahue was leaning over it, one of the other boys touched the can with a lighted match, which caused it to explode right into the face of Donahue, burning him terribly. He was taken into the house immediately and flour and oil applied, Doctor Lee, in the meantime being summoned, who dressed the burns, finding them very severe. Owing to the application of flour and oil, one of the eyes was closed, so that he was unable to tell whether the eye was seriously injured or not. The boy, after the application of soothing lotions by the Doctor, experienced no great pain in the eye, so that the doctor is of the opinion that it may not be injured to any extent, but will be unable to know until the eye commences to open.

CHROMOS.—Frank Wheeler, a short time since, obtained a large number of subscribers to the Argonaut, a new weekly newspaper published in San Francisco by Frank Pixley and others. As a slight recompense for the service rendered the editors and proprietors of that paper, and moved by a spirit of kindness and a thorough appreciation of his valuable services, forwarded him a couple of chromos, which Frank has on exhibition at his office, to which the public are invited. They are masterpieces of the style of art in which they are gotten up, and we would advise all to take a look at them.

SCHOOL CENSUS.—W. H. Henderson having been appointed School Census Marshal for the Pioche School District by the School Trustees, has been busy employed during the past week in taking the census of the children of Pioche. It would be well for all parents to aid him as much as possible in making the census, as the better showing that is made as to the number of children in the county, the larger will be the proportion of State school money allowed Lincoln county.

JOCKEY CLUB.—The Silver Reef Jockey Club was organized at Silver Reef, Utah, on Wednesday evening, May 2d, at the Capitol Saloon, owned by John Cassidy. The following officers were elected, all of whom are ex-Piochians: J. B. Van Hagan, President; W. P. Goodman, Secretary; J. H. Cassidy, Treasurer. Racing will come off June 6th, under the auspices of the club, over the Bonanza course. Purses—\$50, \$100 and \$250. There will also be foot, sack and wheelbarrow races. Entries closes June 6th, 1877.

STRIKE AT VIRGINIA CITY.—Telegraphic news comes to us of a strike of the iron moulders in Virginia City on Wednesday last on account of an attempted reduction of wages. They had a parade, seven or eight hundred unemployed miners joining them. Some violence was attempted on parties who had been instrumental in endeavoring to bring about the proposed reduction in wages, but they escaped without harm.

CHANGE OF ROUTE.—Fred Gilmer returned to Pioche on Thursday evening last from a trip over the new road from Pioche to Silver Reef, &c. The change will be made so as the Salt Lake coaches will leave here on Monday next at 6 A. M., and stop at Lee's, at Panaca, for breakfast. Fred pronounces this one of the prettiest natural roads he has ever seen. The route will be via Bullionville and Shoal Creek.

ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC TELEGRAPH.—George E. Millar, the Pioche operator for the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, arrived here on Sunday last. During the week he has fitted up an office for the transaction of the Company's business in Wells, Fargo & Co.'s building, where he can be found at regular business hours.

DISCOUNT RAISED.—On account of so much coin being shipped out of Pioche to Utah and the high rate charged to bring the same here from San Francisco, the State Bank of Nevada and W. E. Griffin, banker, have been compelled to raise the price of discount on checks to two per cent, instead of one per cent, as formerly.

DISSOLUTION.—The dissolution of the co-partnership heretofore existing between William Gedding and John Simpson was dissolved on the first of May by the retiring of John Simpson. William Gedding will continue the business, assume all the liabilities and collect all outstanding bills against the concern.

HENRY EILERS having refitted, painted and otherwise adorned his saloon on Lacour street, will again open it to the public this evening, with the finest stock of liquors, brandies, whiskies, wines and cigars that have ever been brought to Pioche. Give him a call.

LEEDS BULLION.—Three bars of bullion, valued at \$2,727.81, was received in Pioche from the Leeds Mining Company during the past week.

REMOVAL.—The well-known Panaca Saloon, one price! one bill! will remove to No. 1,000 Main street, Hamilton's building, on the 9th inst.

BULLION SHIPMENTS.—Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped \$15,104.22 in bullion during the past week, it being the product of ore from this district.

RETURNED.—Capt. H. S. Lubbock and George Patton returned to Pioche yesterday. Capt. Lubbock is on his way to Silver Reef.

FOR THE VEGAS.—Jno. N. Craig left Pioche on Thursday last for the Vegas Ranch.

ALPS MILL.—There has been a decided improvement in this company's mine during the past ten days, considerable ore of good quality has been and is being raised and shipped to the Condor mill. An ore dump on the line of the railroad, in close proximity to the hoisting-works, having been recently made, renders it convenient for shipping ore. The company's mill in Condor Canyon is now running day and night on custom and Alps ore. Two trains of eleven cars each have been dispatched during the past week and another of ten cars is made up for Sunday morning.

RATMOND & ELY.—During the past week a change has taken place which gives evidences of marked improvement in the mine; ore of considerable value has been struck on several levels, and on 10th level a good body of ore, strongly impregnated with copper. The body of ore on the 10th level our mining experts are of the opinion will turn into very rich ore before long, the indications being very promising for the same.

A PREMEDITATED MURDER.

John Condon, who drives stage between Shakes' station and Ward arrived here yesterday with the startling intelligence that Matt. Gleeson had been killed at Mineral City—generally known as Robinson—on that day between 10 and 11 o'clock by John Roach of this place. Several days ago it appears that Roach confronted Gleeson, making certain demands accompanied by threats. Roach no doubt thought it best to postpone whatever designs he had on his victim to some future time, and the time and place suiting him best appears as above stated.

Roach left Ward yesterday morning, taking the trail across the mountains on foot, his intention, as it now transpires, being to head off the stage, which he succeeded in doing at Robinson. The stage arrived on time, and Gleeson went into the Wilson hotel for dinner, after which he went into the sitting-room, where he was met by Roach, who asked him for stock. Gleeson replied, "I can't give the stock until I return from San Francisco," whereupon Roach went out and returning again commenced shooting. Gleeson being unarmed begged for his life and vainly endeavored to shield himself behind Mr. Wearne, who keeps a lodging-house here. After the third shot Gleeson exclaimed, "I am killed!" and sank to the floor, expiring almost instantly. Roach fired four shots, at least three of which took effect.

The author of this foul murder is in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Bonfield at Robinson. That it was premeditated is too evident. Matt. Gleeson owned a majority of the stock in the Ward Consolidated, and has been putting forth strenuous efforts for several months past to secure capital to develop it. He was on his way to San Francisco to make one more effort, with good prospects of success, when he was headed off by Roach.

The hearse went out last evening with a coffin to bring the remains here for interment.—[Ward Reflex, April 30.]

On the 29th ult. Roach had an examination before Justice Bush and was committed without bail.

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